

English Language Arts Brunswick School Department
Grade 8
Expository Writing: Research Paper

Essential Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Effective writing has a developed topic, is organized, uses richness of language, and follows standard English conventions.
Essential Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How do questions guide research? ▪ How does a researcher determine relevant information? ▪ How is information organized prior to drafting? ▪ How is a research paper organized?
Essential Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Researchers formulate questions to guide their reading and writing. ▪ Writers use note taking techniques to display their understanding of relevant information. ▪ A research paper is organized with an introductory paragraph including thesis, body paragraphs, conclusion, and work cited page.
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Terms:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ exposition, thesis, work cited engine
Essential Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formulate questions to guide research. ▪ Collect and synthesize information. ▪ Generate a thesis statement. ▪ Write an organized and developed research paper that supports a thesis. ▪ Apply revision techniques (Review techniques introduced in grade 7). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ logical flow of ideas ▪ Apply editing skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sentence variety ○ Sentence structure (noun, verb, adjective, adverb) ○ Rules of dialogue ○ Agreement in number, person, and tense ○ Possessives
Related Maine Learning Results	<p><u>English Language Arts</u></p> <p>***pending legislative approval of the 2007 revised Maine Learning Results</p>
Sample Lessons And Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use Note Taker software. ▪ Review internet search techniques and use of database. ▪ Find main idea vs. details. ▪ Discuss strategies to avoid plagiarism. ▪ Practice using works cited engines.

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Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Final copy of research paper (3-5) papers with source documentation.
Sample Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <u>Publications:</u>
Technology Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/curriculum